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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NUCLEAR JOURNALIST

1. SENIOR LE MONDE JOURNALIST NICOLAS VICHNEY PLANS TO VISIT NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, STARTING OCTOBER 14. HIS ARRIVAL DATE IN WASHINGTON IS NOT YET FINAL, BUT WILL PROBABLY BE ON 17TH OR 18TH. HE ASKED ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CONTACTS WITH U.S. EXPERTS ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT, SPECIFICALLY IN AEC, EXXON, WESTINGHOUSE, SCI/AE, AND CONGRESS. IN ADDITION, AT SCIATT'S SUGGESTION, HE IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SAFEGUARDS AND PROLIFERATION ISSUES.

2. REALIZING THE DIFFICULTIES POSED BY THE UNCERTAINTIES OF VICHNEY'S ARRIVAL DATE IN WASHINGTON, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPT. NAME A CONTACT IN SCI AND/OR AEC WHOM VICHNEY CAN TELEPHONE ON OCTOBER 14 OR 15, AND WORK OUT MORE DEFINITIVE PLANS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED THAT VICHNEY RECEIVES A FULL BRIEFING ON SAFEGUARDS AND NPT ISSUES WHICH THE PRESS HERE RARELY RAISES. HE IS PROBABLY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL FRENCH JOURNALIST ON CIVILIAN NUCLEAR AFFAIRS.

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